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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application before the examination as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Approval of an amendment to Figure 9 as marked up in red to change duplicate reference numeral "86" to --85-- is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite Paragraph 0039 as follows:

[0039] Referring to Figures 9 and 10, a fourth embodiment of a hinge member 80 made in accordance with the teachings of the present invention is shown. Hinge member 80

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is configured with a slot portion 81 defined by internal end slot sections 83 and a plurality of internal ribs 84. Preferably, the hinge member is made of a thermoplastic material with a projecting metal pin 86 molded into one end of the hinge member 80. The slot 81 is preferably dimensioned to complement product samples 20 having top and bottom edges of a known preferred thickness so that the ribs 84 of the hinge member 80 engage opposing sides of a product sample with a friction fit. For additional securing of the product sample 20, a screw 85 or other type of fastener is provided for engagement with the product sample 20 through a bore 87 defined in the hinge member 80. The screw 85 may be a set screw where the bore 87 is threaded or may, when appropriate, be designed to penetrate the product sample 20. The screw enables the hinge member to be secured to a product sample 20 even when the particular sample is thinner than the preferred thickness.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in conjunction with the submission of formal drawings to the Official Draftsman under separate cover.

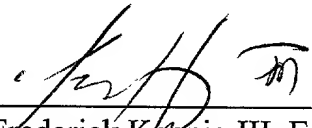
Duplicate use of reference numeral "86" had occurred in Figure 9 and Paragraph 0039 of the application. Approval of the requested drawing correction is requested to separately identify the "screw" shown in Figure 9 as element 85. A corresponding amendment to the

specification has been made. A marked-up copy of the amendment to the specification is also enclosed.

Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(iii) and (c)(1)(ii)
SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS- MARKED UP VERSION**

[0039] Referring to Figures 9 and 10, a fourth embodiment of a hinge member 80 made in accordance with the teachings of the present invention is shown. Hinge member 80 is configured with a slot portion 81 defined by internal end slot sections 83 and a plurality of internal ribs 84. Preferably, the hinge member is made of a thermoplastic material with a projecting metal pin 86 molded into one end of the hinge member 80. The slot 81 is preferably dimensioned to complement product samples 20 having top and bottom edges of a known preferred thickness so that the ribs 84 of the hinge member 80 engage opposing sides of a product sample with a friction fit. For additional securing of the product sample 20, a screw [86] 85 or other type of fastener is provided for engagement with the product sample 20 through a bore 87 defined in the hinge member 80. The screw [86] 85 may be a set screw where the bore 87 is threaded or may, when appropriate, be designed to penetrate the product sample 20. The screw enables the hinge member to be secured to a product sample 20 even when the particular sample is thinner than the preferred thickness.

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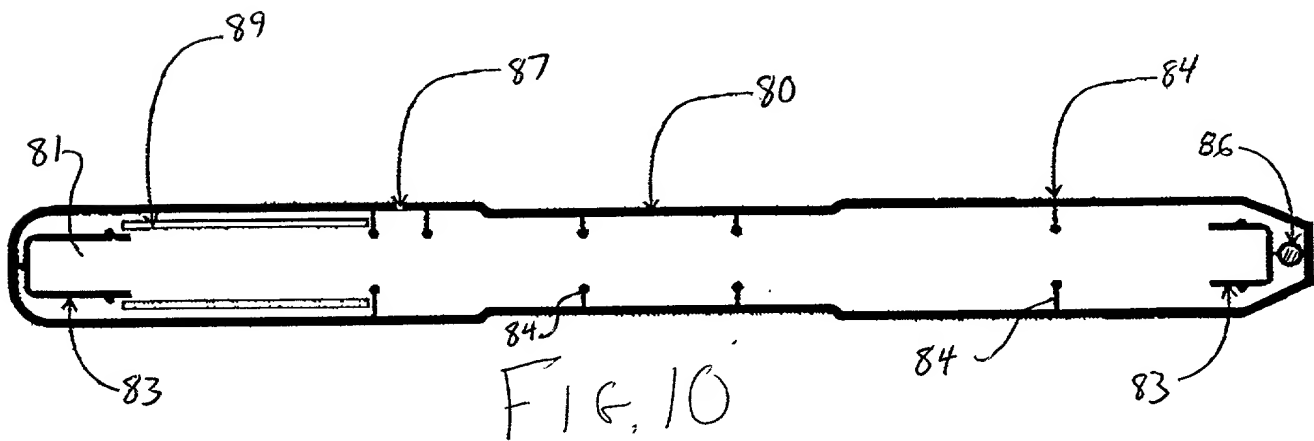
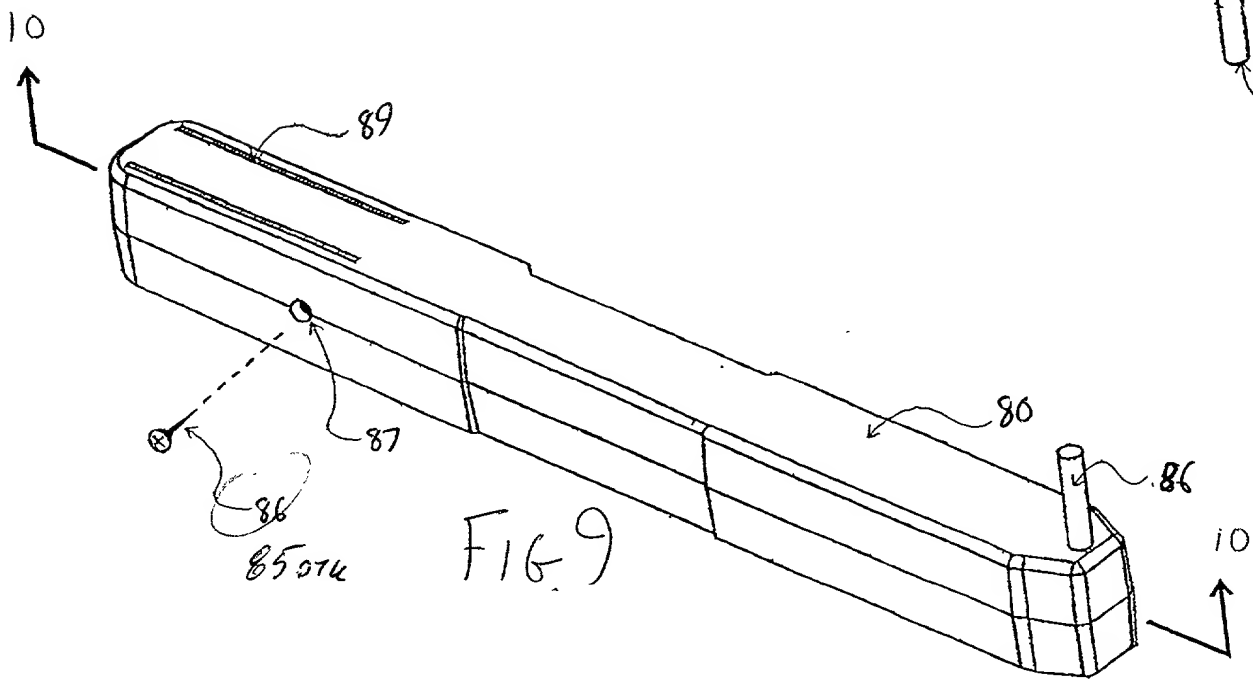
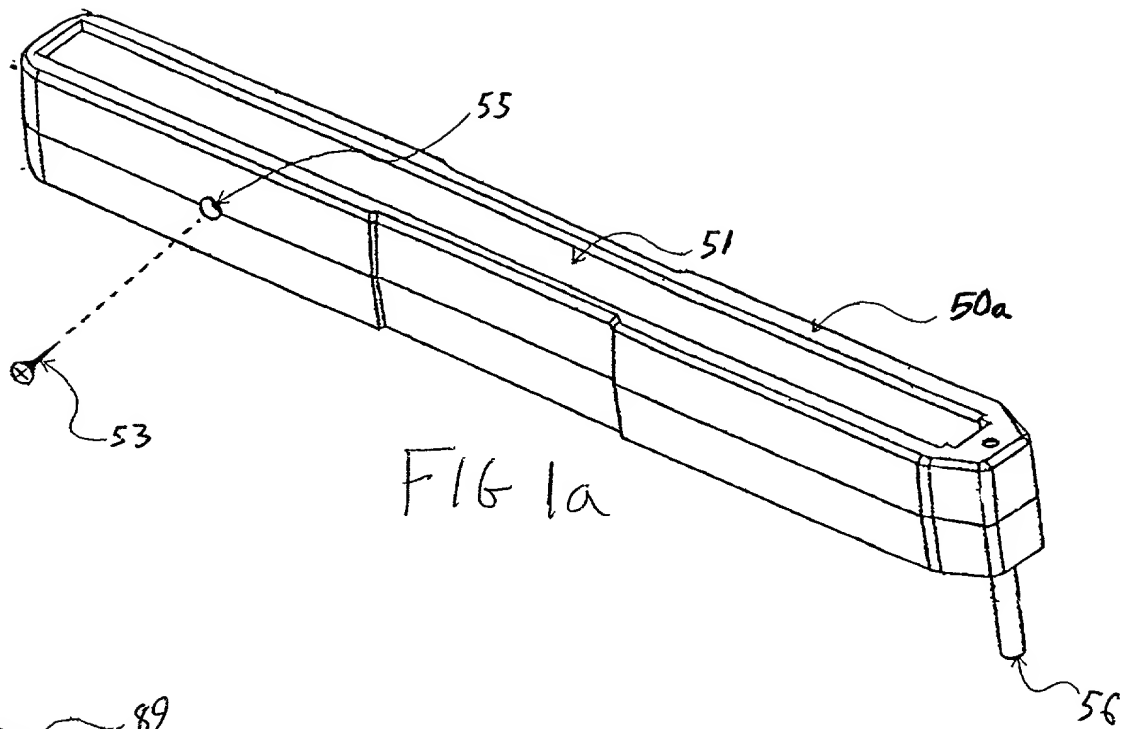


FIG 10